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LB 72, 556, 678, 958, 962, 1257
LR 285-288

adopted. Are there further amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Yes, there are, Mr. President. May I read some items first, however?

SENATOR WARNER: Clerk, yes, read items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, study resolutions. (Read brief synopsis of LR 285, LR 286, LR 287, LR 288. See pages 1445-48 of the Legislative Journal.) Those will be referred to the Executive Board.

Amendments to be printed by Senator Conway to LB 72, Senator Hall to LB 962, Senator Rod Johnson to LB 958, Senator Wesely LB 678, Senator Morrissey to LB 1257. (See pages 1448-54 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members, I will be withdrawing this amendment but I do want to state for the record again, I was concerned. Senator Ashford was going to place some limitations on that he was interested in. I had one in particular I've been interested in which would prohibit corporate contributions to campaigns. I've had that interest for a long time having particularly generated out of the LB 775 debate where I saw particularly strong corporate influence down here and I thought perhaps if we didn't have direct corporate contributions it would help. I found 20 states that don't allow it, 19 states that limit it. There are only ten states that have our position of no limit on corporate contributions and it seems to me that we ought to take a look at that, but if we're not going to limit the other particular contributions, then I guess it wouldn't be particularly appropriate to move in this area either, but if we get into a discussion about placing some limitations on particular contributors then I think we have to take a look at that. But I have been very concerned about corporate contributions. They do account for a large sum of money. I guess it's something close to 2 million in total in 1990 primary and general elections, but that does include more than direct just on line corporations. But I'm going to withdraw this amendment. I think we've reached somewhat of a compromise on the bill and if we revisit some of the particular